

## TARIFF REVISION IS FORESHADOWED

Official Says German Trade Agreement Leads That Way.

## System of American Spies in Kaiser's Domains Stopped.

One of the best authorities on our trade relations with foreign countries and especially with Germany, discussed at length with a Times reporter today the import of the new trade agreement with Germany.

The German administration agreed that it would not again ask full minimum tariff rates for American imports unless our Congress should show its inclination to reciprocity. It has been able to obtain, however, concessions on imports aggregating in value 96.7 per cent of the total imports of American goods into Germany.

A notable difference from the present agreement is that it does not terminate at any given period. The agreement was entered into by Germany only with the understanding of direct action by Congress soon so that, if no move is made within a reasonable time, it is altogether probable that the German administration will be forced to give notice of discontinuance. This would then bring about a real tariff war, for the German administration would be powerless to ask further concessions.

### "Committed to Revision."

The authority referred to was asked whether or not in his opinion the State Department had not committed the Administration to the policy of reciprocity to such an extent that it would be forced, in order to keep faith with foreign countries, to call the attention of Congress to this subject and to urge the consideration of reciprocal trade relations and even general tariff revision. It was his opinion that this expressed the situation with fair accuracy.

The extension of the concessions to the limit, possible under section 3 of the Dingley act, has been made in the new agreement, namely, in reduction of the rate on champagne. The significant thing about it, however, is the fact that in considering this extension the North Commission had in mind the effect that it would have on France. It was foreseen that a like concession would have to be made to that country sooner or later. When that is done for France it will be a very distinct concession on our part, and will allow us to expect something equally as valuable in return.

### Steps Our Spy System.

In the German pact, however, the real and important concessions that have been made by the United States come in the nature of changes in customs regulations. Hereafter, our Treasury agents, who have been charged with the duty of obtaining secretly evidence showing undervaluations, will be accredited by the State Department to the German government. The practice of using spies to obtain such evidence is not for a minute to be tolerated on the part of any other country.

Another extension that comes under the more correct classification of corrections of abuse is the doing away with the star chamber of the appraisers. Perhaps the most important provision in the whole agreement is the following: "The certificates as to value issued by German chambers of commerce shall be accepted by appraisers as competent evidence and be considered by them in connection with such other evidence as may be added."

### Chambers of Commerce.

It should be noted that this evidence is not to be considered as final, but is to be given due weight. These chambers of commerce are bodies unlike any that we have in this country, in that they are quasi governmental institutions. Membership in them is compulsory on the part of manufacturers and exporters, and their decisions are in the nature of a tax by the government. For this reason the valuations placed upon goods can reasonably be expected to be the true market values.

The second section in importance is that relating to definition of market value on goods sold only or almost exclusively for export. The commission found that our appraisers had really gone outside the law in arriving at market values in cases of this kind. German exports to the United States many articles that have practically no sale at home, and for this reason have no wholesale market value in the sense that others sold generally in the market have. The market value in these cases shall be construed to mean the export price. Hereafter a fictitious market value had been put upon these goods by appraisers.

The new Provision is regarded as a masterly instrument. It in no sense goes so far as to merit the charge that lowering of the tariff is practically accomplished by administrative action.

## PHONOGRAPH INTRODUCTION MAY RESULT IN WEDDING

Miss Maude Hunter, of Washington, Talked the Introduction of Senator Daniel's Nephew Upon Phonograph Record and It Was Sent to Miss Dotter, in Los Angeles, With a Photograph.

LOS ANGELES, May 11.—A romance in the life of Miss Idella Dotter, whose brother and two sisters have been contesting her right to \$100,000 left by her mother, may culminate in a marriage when Seth Cabell Halsey, nephew of Senator Daniel, of Virginia, comes to town some time next week.

Miss Maude Hunter, of Washington society, and a friend of Senator Daniel, met Mr. Halsey in that city and told him how anxious she was to have him meet Miss Dotter. Mr. Halsey said: "Delighted." They then visited a phonograph dealer and Miss Hunter talked to the machine.

"Dear Miss Dotter," she said, "permit me to present to you Mr. Seth

Cabell Halsey, a nephew of United States Senator Daniel of Virginia. He is a dear friend of ours and awfully nice."

"I am happy to meet you, Miss Dotter."

In due time the record was received by Miss Dotter. Then she spoke her appreciation upon a record which was forwarded to Mr. Halsey in Washington.

Photographs soon were exchanged. Miss Dotter says the one she received is handsome, and if the original comes up to it, "Well, I don't know."

Mr. Halsey said today:

"Win or lose, I'll be in Los Angeles about the 10th of May."

"If he comes," Miss Dotter confessed, "to ask my hand in marriage—and well, I don't know. He is very handsome."

## HEARSE SEIZED BY DRUNKS, WHO HAVE WILD JAMBOREE, AND TOWN LOSES SALOONS

SELINGROVE, Pa., May 11.—Port Trevorton, located a few miles below here, is now a dry town. Formerly two hotels were necessary to quench the burning thirst of its inhabitants.

That Judge McClure was justified in making the change is denied by no one. Not content with selling liquor for six days of the week, the proprietors ran their places wide open also on Sunday.

It leaked out today that a most disgraceful scene was enacted there, which was responsible, many believe, for the

town's sad plight. A funeral was to be held there about two weeks ago. The driver of the hearse became impatient at the long wait, the day being Sunday, and made the rounds of the hotels.

Finally some of the drinkers, together with the hearse driver, thought they would have some fun with the mortuary wagon.

One inebriate was placed in the hearse, and then followed a wild drive about the town, with four intoxicated men whooping and rolling about on top of the vehicle.

## PLUCKY GIRL WORKS OWN CLAIM

DES MOINES, Iowa, May 11.—Mrs. T. L. Dyer, formerly of Polk City, and a sister of Deputy County Jailer Harry MacLean, is expected for a visit to the home of her parents, near Polk City, to whom she will tell an unusual story.

Miss MacLean was married to T. L. Dyer, formerly deputy county treasurer. They went to Lowell, Ark., and took out a claim. Dyer died of a fever after their arrival there. His brave bride sorrowfully buried her husband, but never for a moment flinched in her determination to live up to her resolution to make the claim her own. Now she has completed her service, and after a short visit here will return to Arkansas to again take up her life on the claim. The property is far removed from a railway.

## PRETTY TEACHER NOT IMMODEST

CLEVELAND, May 11.—Charges that Miss Pearl Gray, a pretty teacher in the public schools of Chardon, frequently raised her skirts to adjust her garters before the pupils; often immodestly arranged her skirts in their presence; was in the habit of sitting with her feet upon her desk while she read novels, and using improper language have not been sustained.

Parents asked the board of education to dismiss Miss Gray, and five children, from seven to thirteen years old, were called as witnesses. Their testimony was so indefinite concerning the charges and their memory so bad concerning other happenings in the schoolroom that it appeared they had been drilled in their testimony.

It took the board only about fifteen minutes to exonerate Miss Gray.

"GOOD MONEY" FOR FLOWERS.  
For lilacs-of-the-valley a vicar in Carmarthen draws \$2,500 from a London dealer, while an old lady in Berkshire is said to make nearly \$5,000 yearly out of Marchal Niel roses.

## TELEPHONE PACT TO UNIFY TOLLS

All Companies to Send Delegates to Convention, and Merger Likely.

CHICAGO, May 11.—Development of a plan to cement 7,000 telephone companies of the United States and Canada into one gigantic organization is expected to follow the gathering in Chicago next month of 1,000 managers and presidents of the interested companies.

The men will come as delegates to the convention of the International Independent Telephone Association, to continue three days from June 4 at the Auditorium Hotel. Independent telephone associations of thirty States, with approximately \$350,000,000 invested, are to send delegations to the convention to urge forward the movement to unite.

Success of the movement inaugurated means the building of long-distance lines throughout the country, giving unified toll service to more than 2,000,000 users of independent telephones. Ohio is leading the agitation for consolidation, with 300,000 independent telephones in use. Indiana, with 200,000, is second. Other States having complete organizations are Alabama, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Michigan, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, North Dakota, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, New Hampshire, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, and Vermont.

The call for consolidation has come at the close of the most prosperous year in the history of independent telephony. Starting as a rural departure, the independent telephone growth first included only the smaller cities. Now it is seeking entry to the large centers of population. Within the last year nearly \$100,000,000 was expended in independent plants.

## CHILDREN PERISH IN BURNING HOME

EAST LIVERPOOL, Ohio, May 11.—In a fire which destroyed their home today, Leo, aged seven, and Ruth, aged five, children of Mrs. Nellie Laird, a poor widow, were burned to death. Three other children were rescued with difficulty. Mrs. Laird was seriously injured in jumping from a window. A son was killed by a street car three years ago, and shortly afterward the father drowned himself in the city reservoir.

## SPECIAL JURY HEARS CASE OF TALTY FOR DAMAGES

The special jury having the hearing of appeals for grade damages due to the new Union Station improvements met at City Hall yesterday to hear the case of Stephen Talty's property on the north side of M street northeast, between Third and Fourth streets. A commission had fixed damages at \$9,000, which the Commissioners disapproved of as excessive. The hearing will be resumed Wednesday next.

## WIFE TOO WORDY; DIVORCE IS ASKED

ST. STEPHEN'S, Wyo., May 11.—Eleanor Whitaker has filed a divorce suit against his wife, Ellen M. Whitaker, alleging that she talked too much and thus caused him to lose so much sleep that his health became seriously impaired.

## MRS. WALKER LEFT OUT OF LIST OF HOSTESSES

PORTSMOUTH, Va., May 11.—A society sensation developed here when it became known that the name of Mrs. Frank Anthony Walker, who acted as chairman of the building committee for the Daughters of the Confederacy in the reproduction of Jefferson Davis' home, "Beauvoir," at the Jamestown Exposition and gave her personal notes for \$1,500 when the contractor threatened to throw up the contract because of lack of funds, has been omitted from the list of hostesses who are to receive at "Beauvoir."

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## LOVE INREQUITED; GIRL GETS \$2,000

AMSTERDAM, N. Y., May 11.—In the supreme court, before Justice Van Kirk, a jury rendered a verdict of \$2,000 in the breach of promise action brought by Miss Nellie O'Reilly, of Philadelphia, against Dennis Sweeney, a wealthy resident of Amsterdam.

Miss O'Reilly sued for \$25,000. The plaintiff is an operatic singer, and she testified that Mr. Sweeney became enamored of her singing at Atlantic City on February 22, 1903, and that there, on March 10 following, proposed.

Something like fifty letters, written by Miss O'Reilly to Sweeney were introduced in evidence. Previous to her beginning this action Mr. Sweeney was married to Miss Emma Mason, of this city. He alleged that the plaintiff forced her attentions upon him.

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